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Statement

We highlight the importance of the catalytic role that the Council is playing to ensure strengthening of the social pillar that would figure prominently in the post-2015 agenda and in the sustainable development goals. In this regard, a two-fold consensus is developing. On the one hand, the post-2015 goals should be ambitious commitments to eradicate the worst deprivations and set the world on a sustainable course. On the other hand, the specific commitments which countries make towards these global ambitions in the form of targets will need to take a more nationally specific approach if they are to be useful as an accountability mechanism.

Reducing both poverty and people's vulnerability to falling into poverty must be a central objective of the post-2015 agenda. It points to a slowdown in human development growth across all regions. It notes that threats such as financial crises, fluctuations in food prices, natural disasters and violent conflict significantly impede progress.

The post-2015 agenda must also take account of the massive global changes that have occurred since the Millennium Development Goals were formulated, including rapid growth in emerging economies, rising global inequality, continued environmental degradation and intensifying competition for resources. It is widely agreed that the world cannot eradicate extreme poverty and achieve sustainable development without tackling climate change, thus the processes are seen as mutually reinforcing and linked to the post-2015 agenda.

Agreeing the goals is a challenge in itself, but harder still will be securing the necessary commitments from governments and other actors. Action will be needed from a wide range of actors, and new partnership models between governments and international organizations are essential to deliver the goals, particularly in marshalling the financial resources required. The post-2015 agenda implementation would need concrete action in determining the future we want.

Our priorities and suggestions for the post -2015 agenda are as follows:

(a) Analyse key global economic, social and environmental issues and their implications for the post-2015 agenda;

(b) Review the emerging post-2015 agenda and identify areas where further action is required;

(c) Consider the issues around mobilizing the resources necessary to achieve post-2015 goals;

(d) Improve understanding of the role of partnerships in achieving new goals, through an in-depth look at the health and energy sectors;

(e) Effectively integrating climate change, environmental and justice elements into the agenda, and committing to realizing girls and women's human rights while meaningfully mainstreaming gender equality throughout; and

(f) The agenda, its implementation and accountability mechanisms must be firmly grounded in human rights.